

## "HE IS TOO GOOD TO DO MURDER"

Dr. Kennedy's Faithful Wife in His Defense.

TAKES THE BLAME HERSELF

PRETTY LITTLE WOMAN WITH SOFT VOICE AND QUIET SMILE.

Thinks That If She Had Remained at Home on Night of Murder Husband Would Not Have Been Accused.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—"I am certain my husband is not guilty," said Mrs. Dr. Kennedy in the courtroom where he is on trial for the second time on the charge of murdering Dolle Reynolds at the Grand Hotel, Aug. 18, 1898.

"He is a good man," she said, "and I know absolutely he did not commit that crime."

She stood in the back of the courtroom this morning with her father, a white-haired old gentleman, who never makes the mistake of patting her shoulder to show his sympathy, and yet who is all concern, and she said very simply what she believed to be the truth about her husband. She didn't say she must consult her lawyers; she didn't say she didn't know that the public cared what she thought about her husband as a man, aside from it. She simply said some things about the fact that he is her husband.

This is the way she looks: She is little, and she has a sweet voice, and a quiet smile. She knows how to shake hands. She has a round face and nice eyes, and a round little chin. She was plainly dressed in a well-made tailor gown and a small black hat.

And this is what she said about her husband and the reasons she has for being sure he is innocent:

The Loving Wife's

Theory of the Case.

"Why, he was always all consideration for me! It is absurd to think that man as gentle and thoughtful of my welfare as he was should have had it in him to do this thing which accused him of. Even if I had no other reason for believing in him beyond this knowledge of his character and his disposition I would know that he never could have been guilty of an act of violence. Even if I just stood off and looked at the evidence I would know that he was innocent. For, besides all this, which marks the crime not his, there are other reasons. There is absolute proof that he did not commit the crime and that is why I say I know that my husband is innocent. This is the proof as the defense is going to establish it."

"In the first place, on the night of Monday, Aug. 18, 1898, Dolle Reynolds and some man left the Grand Hotel at 4:45 o'clock in the evening. They went out the thirty-first street entrance and took a cab. They were driven to the Grand Hotel, where they were met by a man who drove them to the hotel. The cabman who drove them knew Dolle Reynolds personally, and he knew Dr. Kennedy by sight. The cabman told the man who he took to Martin's positively was not Dr. Kennedy."

"The second point is that they left the hotel at 6:45 and arrived at Martin's about 7:15. At precisely that time my husband was walking down Seventh avenue with a friend, Mr. Ufer. Mr. Ufer is a witness and he can prove that this is true. This is the first physical impossibility that it could have been my husband who was with Dolle that night."

"When my husband left Mr. Ufer it was to go to Proctor's theater. Of that we have no proof yet. No one saw him there, but that was where he was. He left at 10:15 at all that night. He usually came home to dinner, but I had gone to Massachusetts the Saturday before for a ten days' outing. He was not well, and he ate no dinner. If I had only stayed home he would have come home and all this need have happened."

Outlines the

Full Defense.

"After the theater the defense will prove that my husband took the 12:25 ferry for St. George. It is proved he was on the ferry at the time. A Mrs. Slaton of Stapleton, S. I., had been over here to find out about her son, who was a member of the United States army in Cuba, and she had had no word from him for some time. She was trying to get some news. It was a late hour for her to be out and on account of the inquiry about the boy she knew absolutely that date. She saw my husband on the ferry at 12:25. This was the last time she saw him. And Dolle Reynolds and this man entered the hotel at 12:30 o'clock, according to the testimony of the hotel people, and remained until 2:30. That is the second physical impossibility that it could have been my husband who was with Dolle that night."

"Mrs. Slaton, however, isn't the only witness that contradicted the doctor's story. The Station Island Rapid Transit cars wait in the last ferry, but unless one hurries from the ferry he is unable to make the car. My husband did not hurry and the car started before he reached it."

"Then he went to two hackmen, both of whom knew him, and asked them how much they would take to take him home. They wanted \$5. He told them he wouldn't pay that much and that he would walk. It is only about five miles and he has walked it often. He did walk and he got home at 2:45 o'clock. Also he was seen to have entered the house at that time and we have proof of that. Remember that the man with Dolle Reynolds left the Grand Hotel only 15 minutes before the time my husband was seen to have entered our house. That is the third physical impossibility that he could have been the man."

Makes Her

Final Appeal.

"Now, can any fair-minded person, do you think, listen to that and hear it conclusively proven, and doubt my husband's absolute innocence?"

"How do you account for the check found on Dolle Reynolds bearing the doctor's indorsement? I think it was placed upon her body. It was found on her body. Where no woman would ever in the world place a check. The name on the check, Dudley Gilroy, was, of course, an alias. His name, but there is good reason to believe the check was in payment of a racing debt. My husband never knew or cared anything about racing. His signature without doubt was forged by some one who knew what his patient."

"It is like Adam and Eve and the apple," she said, with a wistful little attempt at a jest. "It is Adam's woman's fault. Oh, if only I had known of Massachusetts, he could have come home that night for dinner."

Three Witnesses

Identify Kennedy.

Of 17 witnesses examined in the trial now proceeding, three swore positively to his identity as the companion of "Dolle" Reynolds on the day of her death. Efforts were made to throw some doubt on the testimony of two of them, however.

John T. Leger, who was assistant head



DR. KENNEDY AND HIS WIFE IN COURT.

waiter of the Grand Hotel at the time of the murder, said he was on duty the afternoon of Aug. 18, 1898, when Miss Reynolds (Legge knew her as Mrs. Maxwell) came into the dining room and ordered luncheon. Between 8 and 7 that evening he had seen Miss Reynolds come back to the hotel. "And this time," she witness testified, "she was accompanied by a man." The witness, in response to a question, pointed at Dr. Kennedy and said: "There is the man. I mean the prisoner there."

"You know Ezra E. Green?" asked Lawyer Cantwell.

The witness said he did. "Did Green not say to you, 'Legge, how is it that you didn't identify this defendant?' And did you not say in reply: 'It is Kennedy, and isn't Kennedy?' Did you say that to Green?"

"I did not," insisted Moore, "and did Green not say to you after you had answered as I have stated, 'Then why don't you give the benefit of the doubt to that defendant?' and did you not reply, 'I am told to keep quiet and I wouldn't talk now?' Did you not say that?"

"I did not," replied the witness.

Lawyers Cantwell and Moore said they would prove by Green that such a conversation did occur.

John A. Davis, a bell boy, positively identified Dr. Kennedy as the man whom he had seen in room No. 84 with Dolle Reynolds. "First, because the man gave me a quarter, and then because he wanted a corkscrew to open a bottle of champagne. You know they don't use corkscrews for wine."

The first time I went to the room," said Davis, "the lady was coming her hair and the gentleman was reading a newspaper. He was holding it before his face. He told me to get the wine. But when I came back and brought the wine and he asked for the corkscrew and gave me the quarter up I had a good look at him."

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SEARCH FOR "INVINCIBLES"

SHERIFF HOLDS PRISONER IN COMMUNICADO.

Gregory Is Postmaster at Oldenburg, Ill., and Is Alleged to Know Something of the Operations of the "Invincibles."

From a Post-Dispatch Staff Correspondent.

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill., Feb. 8.—Nicholas Gregory, ex-postmaster of Oldenburg and a prominent resident of Madison County, is a prisoner in the county jail here. He is being held by Sheriff Hottel, who has been informed by Gregory that he will not only not talk about Gregory's incarceration, but will not even let Gregory speak for himself.

Since he was brought here the imprisoned Oldenburg man has been allowed to see but one man. That was his partner in the general store at Oldenburg, Louis Will. Will was granted a 10-minute interview with Gregory Thursday afternoon, at the conclusion of which Will returned to Oldenburg.

It has been generally understood throughout Madison County that Gregory's arrest had something to do with the search for the "Invincibles." Gregory is the only man in the county who has been in the writers of letters to prominent farmers in the American bottoms around Oldenburg, demanding large sums of money.

It is alleged that Gregory's arrest was due to the fact that he had been found in the "Invincible" Thieves' nest, and that he had been in the county jail here. He is being held by Sheriff Hottel, who has been informed by Gregory that he will not only not talk about Gregory's incarceration, but will not even let Gregory speak for himself.

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Sam Kaplan Becomes Jealous  
of His Fiancee.

SENT FOR HIS WEDDING GIFTS

BRIDE RECOVERED THEM BY AID  
OF THE POLICE.

Now the Elaborate Outfit Is Held at  
the Police Station and Miss Fannie  
Biermann, the Bride, May  
Be Happy Yet.

### DECISION OF INFORMAL COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Being assured that the couple love each other, and that their difference is but temporary, we therefore hold that the said trousseau shall remain in escrow in the hands of the bride, until the marriage is consummated. If the bride should give over to them the possession of the said trousseau, with the understanding that it shall be the wife's property.

SUBT. BYD.  
SIBERT, M'FARLAND,  
JAMES J. M'GARRY.

The Trousseau and Kaplan's Valuation of It.

Tan automobile coat, satin lining and elegantly finished.	\$40.00
Black skirt of heavy silk, artistically ruffled.	35.00
Silk skirt of magenta shade, finely trimmed with pink roses, gold braid and gumples.	15.00
Total.	\$120.00

This is a story of the trousseau Sam Kaplan gave to Miss Fannie Biermann with the understanding that she should wear it on her wedding day, and of how it led to a fight between the bride and groom. James J. McGarry, of the Carr street police station to resolve themselves into a temporary marriage bureau Friday and render a decision by which the trousseau is deprived of any part in the said wedding if it shall occur.

The three minions of the law started out as arbitrators to decide to whom the trousseau belonged, the question having become pertinent because of a disagreement between Kaplan and Miss Biermann, but ended in the aforesaid bureau.

After a long and patient consideration of the case, during which they heard a great mass of testimony, in which many of the inhabitants of the section of mind long shared, they decided that the marriage of Kaplan to Miss Biermann should not be prevented by their little quarrel and made the above order, which they declared would in all probability hasten the consummation so devoutly to be wished.

The wisdom of the order was apparent within ten seconds after it had been made. Miss Biermann threw herself into Kaplan's arms, declared she loved him more than all the world beside, and announced her readiness to marry him on any day and minute he might name. Kaplan was evidently satisfied with the way things were coming, although he tried to appear indifferent.

Kaplan said he didn't want any woman who was likely to become his wife without the impression that he was "easy." Hence he thought it best to assume an air of indifference.

"I'll wait two days before I warm up to her," he said to his friends. "That will give her time to think about it and will show her that I am not to be crossed in love at woman's pleasure."

He says, however, that the wedding will certainly take place if the young woman remains in a favorable state of mind long enough.

Kaplan lives at 1224 North Ninth street and peddles fruit. Miss Biermann lives at 198 Bidule street and makes pants.

They were introduced by Max Leverson of 1226 North Eighth street, the great match-maker of that section of mind long. He has been standing sponsor over their courtship and it was a crushing blow to him when Kaplan and his bride-elect parted.

Kaplan was an ardent wooer from the first. He says he wooed her for weeks, he purchased the trousseau and sent it to her home. Fearing he might be unable to keep it in his possession until after the marriage, she took it to the home of a friend. A few days later he told her she was dividing her affections. She denied it and they quarreled. Kaplan demanded the return of his trousseau and presents.

"I shall keep the presents just like American girls do when they quarrel with their lovers," he said.

Then Kaplan appealed to the police and Detective Burke found the trousseau and turned it over to him. Then Miss Biermann appealed to the police, with the result that the trousseau was found in Kaplan's home.

Both Miss Biermann and Kaplan laid claim to the trousseau. Detective Burke advised that the ownership of the property be settled by a board of arbitration composed of the two sergeants and the clerk. That was Thursday morning and the decision was returned Friday morning for the decision.

### MAY MAKE IT APPOINTIVE.

Bill to Abolish Office of Assistant Circuit Attorney.

A bill is pending in the state legislature to abolish the office of assistant circuit attorney of St. Louis as an elective position and make it appointive.

The bill provides that the incumbent of the office shall receive the same salary and have the same duties as at present, but that he shall be named by the circuit attorney, just as the other assistants are.

W. Scott Hancock is the present incumbent of the elective office of assistant circuit attorney. His right to the office is being contested by his predecessor and unsuccessful opponent, Sam D. Hodgdon. Joseph W. Folk is the circuit attorney and he has two other assistants, both of whom he appoints. They are C. Orlick Bishop and Andrew Maroney.

The bill provides for a stenographer for the circuit attorney's office with a salary of \$500. Should the bill pass, it would give Mr. Folk the appointment of two more.

To the Post-Dispatch Friday Mr. Folk said:

"I want to say that the Hodgdon-Hancock contest proceedings have nothing to do with this action. I believe it would be better for the office and the conduct of cases if the bill becomes a law."

"The stenographer could earn his salary, as there is plenty to do in taking depositions of persons who appear before me."

"I am not familiar with the details of the bill, but I can say that if it should be passed with an emergency clause, making it operative at once, it would certainly appoint Mr. Hancock to the position to which he has been elected."

The prospect of the introduction and passage of this bill is not productive of any particular pleasure to Mr. Folk, as he might end his contest proceedings.

## HOW A ST. LOUIS BOY ENTERED NAVY

By WILLIAM HIGBEE, WHO ENLISTED AS APPRENTICE FRIDAY.

"THERE WERE A LOT OF BOYS AHEAD OF ME."



"Dr. Crandall Made a Physical Examination." "He Took My Name and Found Out How Old I Was."

William Higbee, 16 years old and an orphan, may some day be an admiral in Uncle Sam's navy. At present he is merely an apprentice of a few hours' standing. But the same energy and determination that procured him the apprenticeship may, in after years, be the means of raising him to a distinguished rank in the service.

When William applied for enlistment as apprentice at the recruiting office he was confronted with the fact that he had no body to consent to his entering the navy. His parents are dead and, up to that time, William had never had a guardian. It was necessary to have a guardian appointed.

"When I saw in the Post-Dispatch that the navy wanted boys between the ages of 15 and 17 to be apprentices, then sailors, and then officers, I thought there was a good chance for me. I didn't have any folks, and I had to work hard for a living. Sometimes it was pretty hard work, too. So I thought I would join the navy because I might grow to be a big fighter and, at least, would have something to do always that would not be very hard."

"I went down to the office where they are taking recruits. There was a whole lot of boys there ahead of me who wanted to be in the navy just like I did. I was a long time before a big sailor in a fine uniform led me to an officer, who had on a blue suit with black braid and gold lace all over it. For instance, I had to put all the shades of red together, all those of green, and so on."

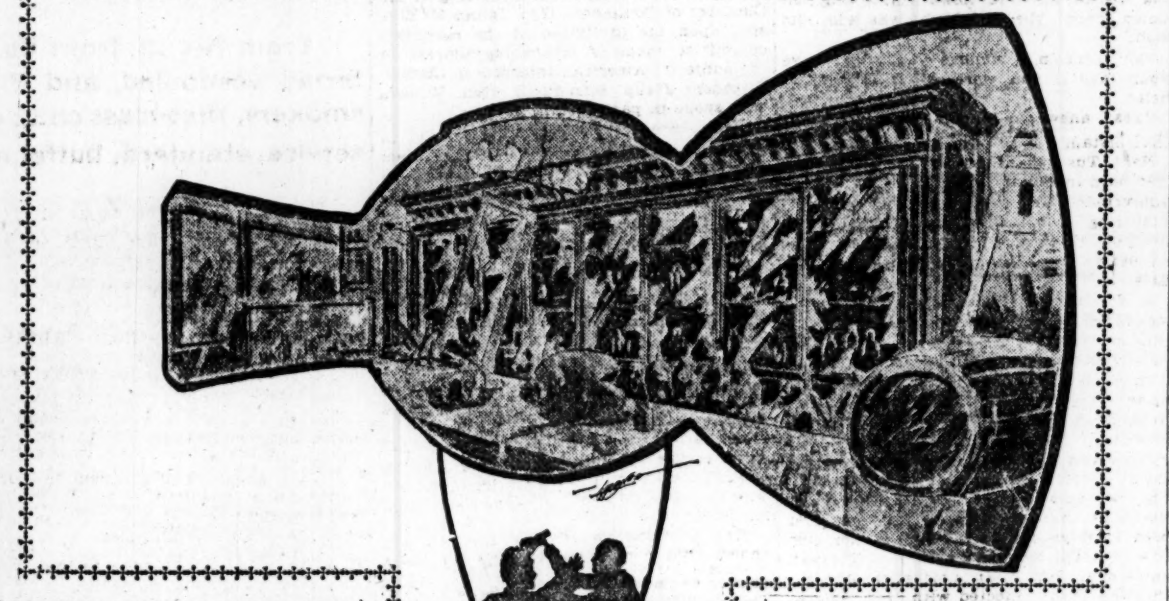
"After that Dr. Crandall took me and made a physical examination. He looked for scars and blemishes on my body, and made me walk several times across the room to see that I was not stiff jointed. Then he tested my heart, measured my chest and took my height and weight. He then ordered me to put on my clothes, after which I was told I had passed. I got my papers from Chief Yeoman Phinney, who also had a fine uniform on. Then I was led out of the office and told to report Saturday morning for the trip to Newport, R. I., where I will begin duty. As I left the office I again saw a long row of boys and young men waiting for examination, and I think I will have a good deal of company in the navy from St. Louis."

Lieut. Blanner, who is in charge of the recruiting station, has received notice from the navy department that he will be expected to keep the office open until March 2. When he was ordered to St. Louis he was informed that he would be expected to recruit at this point only six days. His success here so far, and the pressing demand for men, the service continued to cause the promulgation of the latest order.

The office has already recruited nearly 100 persons. The majority of these have been landsmen for training, but there are many apprentices also. Several enlistments have been made in the engineering and hospital departments. The government offers special inducements for enlistments in those departments. The engineering enlistments are under the direction of Examining Engineer C. H. Casey.

## MRS. CARRIE NATION AND HER HATCHET

Story Without Words of the Kansas Crusade.



### FOUND HANGING TO BED POST

Philip Steyer, for Many Years a Waiter at the Southern Hotel, Put an End to His Existence.

Phil Steyer, for many years a waiter at the Southern Hotel, was found hanging from the bedpost in his room in the rear of 408 Clark avenue Friday morning. Life had been extinct for many hours—just how many, no one knows.

William Mayer, a friend, who had waited on the old man when he was ill a week ago, called on him and found him lying on the bed. He was found with his head under the pillow and his feet sticking out. He was always well dressed, scrupulously polite, but taciturn and suspicious. There was a case of deliberate suicide.

"Little Uncle Phil," as Steyer was familiarly known around the Southern, and in the small circle of his friends, was a quaint character. He was 60 years old, and had been in the hotel business for many years. He was never spoke of any in Austria, whence he came 30 years ago. He was 60 years old, hardly more than a foot tall and weighed less than 90 pounds. He was always well dressed, scrupulously polite, but taciturn and suspicious. There was a case of deliberate suicide.

On one wall of his poorly furnished room hung many of the framed of many banners and balls at which he had served the wealth and fashion of St. Louis; some of the cards yellow with age. Above these were pictures of a dozen or more little girls, all laughing. As his body hung from the bedpost the face was turned to these.

In the pockets of his suit was found \$88 in currency. There was no partition message to anyone. His union has taken charge of the body and will conduct the funeral.

### TO CURE THE GRIP IN TWO DAYS

Laxative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause.

### BARTER AGAIN ARRESTED.

Steamboat Clerk's Wife Alleges He Created a Disturbance.

Harry Barter, formerly clerk on the steamer Hill City, was arrested by Police-  
man Dunnehan Thursday night on complaint of his wife, Mrs. Laura Barter, who claims that he created a disturbance at the Southern Hotel, where he was staying, and that he was drunk and violent. The police took him to the police station and he was held for a few hours before being released.

## Unprecedented Reductions.

Gloves, Fans, Pocketbooks; Women's, Misses' and Children's Garments.

Kid Gloves. The remainder of our excess stock will be on sale Tomorrow, Saturday. Prices were \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00. Now 50c per pair.

Misses' 8-button Mousquetaires, Suede and Boys' Dogskin Gloves. Were \$1.25 and \$1.50. Now 50c per pair.

Fans and Pocketbooks. This is one of the departments we have decided to remove to the Olive street building. Before removal we offer the present stock at tremendous reductions in price.

Fans. They are all fine imported goods and have been marked for this sale.

For Fans that were formerly marked \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00. \$1.50. For Fans that are regularly worth \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50. \$3.50. For Fans that formerly sold for \$5.00, \$7.00, \$10.00.

Pocketbooks. In a variety of Real Seal, Morocco and fine novelty leathers, with or without sterling silver mountings.

For Books that were formerly marked \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. 45c. For books that have always sold for \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50. \$1.65. For books regularly worth \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00.

Also our entire stock of the finer grades of Seal, Walrus, Alligator and other desirable leathers, with gold or silver mountings, now marked from \$6.00 to \$16.50, will be included in this sale.

At just 1/2 the marked prices.

For Women and Children. Best grade goods in broken sizes.

Women's Merino Vests and Drawers, and heavy ribbed fleeced Vests. 25c. Formerly were 50c.

Children's heavy ribbed fleeced Vests and Merino Pantalettes. 15c. Reduced from 50c.

Children's Natural Wool Pantalettes. 25c. Formerly were 50c.

Underwear. Best grade goods in broken sizes.

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# MUNYON CONQUERS GRIP

Thousands of Lives Saved in This Country Every Year by His Cold and Grip Cures.



Observing physicians notice that that dread disease, the Grip, is being more immediately checked this year than in former seasons—even in those towns where epidemics are reported. The victim now suffers only for a day or two. The reason is that the victim has found a means to reduce his hours of suffering. Folks learned in winters past the efficacy of Munyon's Cold and Grip Cures, which are positive specifics. The moment a bad cold, or the dread Grip manifests itself, they rush for relief to Munyon's Remedies and the disease is checked at once. Physicians will tell you that this is a fact. In those cities where Munyon's Cold and Grip Cures have the most extensive sales, there you will find the least Grip victims. Physicians are recommending these Cures in their practice. Thousands of grateful persons have written to Prof. Munyon, telling him how their lives have been saved by these quickly-acting Cures. They relieve head, nose and throat almost instantly—break up the cold or Grip at once, and prevent Pneumonia or Diphtheria.

These Remedies come in handy little vials. They fit the vest pocket. Can always have them with you to use at the moment most needed. The little life savers cost but 25 cents each. Any drug store has them.

If you have Rheumatism, Munyon's Rheumatism Cure will cure it in a few hours; his Dyspepsia Cure will cure any case of Indigestion or Stomach Trouble; ninety per cent of Kidney complaints can be cured with his Kidney Cure. Prof. Munyon has a specific for nearly every disease. Every drug store sells them; mostly 25 cents a vial.

**MUNYON'S INHALER WILL POSITIVELY CURE CATARRH, BRONCHITIS, ASTHMA, ETC. PRICE \$1.00.**

If you are in doubt as to just what ails you, and think you need medical advice, write to Prof. Munyon. His corps of "Medical Experts" will advise you by mail without charge.

Broadway, cor. 26th St., New York City.

## IN THE SUBURBS

### JAMES CODE TWICE ESCAPED.

He Was Too Clever and Swift for the Belleville Officials.

Constable William Davis put in two days pursuing and capturing a man who had jumped his bond, traveling over 50 miles.

Within 15 minutes after he landed his man in Belleville the prisoner escaped.

The man who was captured and who escaped was James Code. A few weeks ago he went into a store at O'Fallon and Toulon and there he was arrested and while the proprietor's attention was drawn away walked out of the store. He was arrested and placed in the calaboose. During the night he escaped. He was followed and captured. A Belleville man went on his bond. When his case was called for trial he did not appear, and his bond was declared forfeited.

The bondman had a constable go out on a search for the man. He searched for Code at O'Fallon and Toulon, and Thursday located him at New Baden and arrested him.

When he reached Belleville with his prisoner the turnkey was not at the jail office. Davis went with the man to the jail, and James Code called Davis aside to speak to him. The prisoner, who was not checked, stepped out through a side door and disappeared.

### SHERIFF KICKHAM INNOCENT.

Committee Finds He Made No Charge for Escaped Prisoners.

At the last meeting of the St. Clair County board of supervisors a special committee of three, composed of Supervisors Adelsberger, Balts and Kuehnle, was appointed to investigate charges which had been made against Sheriff Kickham.

The charges were that he had presented a claim against the county for \$30 for taking three prisoners, Jackson, McNally and Brown, to the reformatory at Pontiac, and had collected the money when the prisoners had escaped on the way and had never been delivered to the institution.

The committee met Thursday and investigated. They found the charges without foundation. The sheriff had presented the claim for taking three prisoners to the reformatory. Hunt, Allen and Debrauge. The board decided that no claim had been presented for the expenses incurred in trying to take the three who escaped.

### School Children May Strike.

There is impending at Belleville a strike of school children. A class has been transferred from one school building to another, in a distant part of the city, which causes them to walk further for their knowledge than they like. They threaten to refuse an education unless it is brought within easier reach.

A few days ago Prof. I. H. Todd resigned his position at the Franklin school, which necessitated some change. Prof. G. C. Williams, principal of the Douglas school, was transferred and made principal of the Franklin, and Prof. W. C. Freidinger was promoted to the principalship of the Douglas.

It was decided to discontinue the second class of the eighth grade at the Douglas and the members were told they would have to go to the Franklin with Prof. Edman. All the scholars in the Douglas and Highland additions, in the eastern part of the city. The Franklin school is over a mile from there. The hardship is made greater by the fact that no cars are running from that part of the city.

### Belleville Marriage Licenses.

James Clayton, 24, Miss Della O'Neal, 18, both of Ridge Prairie, Ill.  
Miss Schickel, 24, Melissa, 18, Miss Anna Waite, 17, Leuberg, Ill.

### Don't Fail to Read

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of duty in this city. The night force goes on at 12 o'clock noon and serves till 12 o'clock midnight. The day force goes on at 12 o'clock midnight and serves till 12 o'clock noon.

The foundry department of the American Steel and Foundry Works was closed down Thursday afternoon by a breakdown of a crane. The molders and helpers were laid off until repairs were made.

### ALTON NEWS.

Joseph Doring has been missing from his home on Pearl street for four days, and his family fear he has been killed. Mr. Doring failed to show up for his business last week. The day after he failed to show up, his wife discovered the long absence of her husband, and has asked the police to assist her in searching for him. Doring is about 25 years of age and a cripple, being lame in his right leg.

At the national election of the "clear makers" union for a new president and officers for their union, next Saturday, 60 men will vote in this city. The members of the union will be cast. The national election will be held at the same time at Second and Alder streets, next Wednesday night.

The election crew of the Bluff Lake Railroad, working near Hop Hollow, reported to the police yesterday night that they had seen a man go down in the river while trying to cross on a raft. The police cannot find that any man or boat has been seen since that time. The man was seen along the river at this place from Springfield, Ill.

J. Howell of this city has a cub lion sent to him by a western friend, and will tame the animal for a house pet. At the time of his death, he seems healthy and at home.

Mrs. J. Hartman of East Second street entered the members of the Humane Society Club at her home Thursday afternoon.

Charles Flachsenberg accepted a position in the Wyse drug store at Second and Ridge streets. He has removed his family from Springfield, Ill.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Council was held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. L. Laid in State street.

A meeting of the John Bowlers' Cockey Hat Club was held Thursday afternoon and officers for the new organization were elected. The place will be the Krenner saloon on Wednesday night. The following officers were elected: President, George Jones; vice-president, John H. J. Hartman; treasurer, Fred Engstrom; secretary, John H. J. Hartman.

The new club starts with a membership of 10. H. J. Hartman is dead at his home on Alder street, after an illness of over 20 years. He was one of the best-known citizens of Alton, having resided here 46 years. He was a member of the Alton National Bank. For 20 years he was a member of the Alton National Bank. Mr. Crane was born in Barkshire County, Mass., in 1825. The funeral took place from the funeral home at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. George H. Gebauer officiating.

### EAST ST. LOUIS NEWS.

W. J. Flannigan of Chanute, Kan., is the guest of his brother, Attorney Alexander Flannigan.

John Botavo became violently ill at a boarding house in East St. Louis Thursday afternoon and was removed to St. Mary's Hospital and died two hours later. The cause of death has not been ascertained.

Mrs. Ellen Sullivan, an old resident of East St. Louis, died Thursday at her home, 20 St. Louis avenue, of pneumonia. She is survived by two sons, James Sullivan, 1102 Cleveland avenue, and P. T. Sullivan of Converse avenue. Her funeral will be held Saturday afternoon.

The remains of George Helenger, the French physician, who had his grave dug up by the Madison County Ferry Co., was given a preliminary hearing in Justice Peckham's court Thursday afternoon and held in the sum of \$200 to await the action of the grand jury.

Edward Meyer, alias George Grassmuck, who was arrested on a charge of stealing hemp rope from the Madison County Ferry Co., was given a preliminary hearing in Justice Peckham's court Thursday afternoon and held in the sum of \$200 to await the action of the grand jury.

Marshall P. McCambridge arrested Stephen Weiss on a charge of disorderly conduct in St. Mary's Hospital, Thursday afternoon. He will be tried in Police Magistrate Gibbs' court Friday afternoon.

Sheriff Belleville was in Venice Thursday afternoon in quest of Annie Hughes, a little girl who has been missing from the Gambel house for several months. A rumor was current that the girl had been taken to a place called "Gypies," but the Venice authorities could furnish the sheriff no information regarding the girl.

The Bartenders' Union of the cities gave a ball at the K. of P. Hall Thursday night. The ferry boats of the Madison County Ferry Co. will be equipped with electric lights. Motors are now being placed on the boats.

### HIS FOOT CAUGHT IN A FROG.

Wm. Peppy Instantly Killed by a Burlington Train.

William Peppy of Madison, Ill., a blacksmith, employed at the National Enameling and Stamping plant at Granite City, was run down and instantly killed by a Burlington passenger train Thursday morning.

Peppy was crossing the bridge between Granite City and Granite City at 6 o'clock Friday morning while on his way to work. It is supposed his foot became caught in a frog.

He leaves four children, ranging in age from 15 to 6 years. An inquest will be held.

### Charged With Assault.

Miss Annie Reah caused the arrest of Ferdinand Tausch, a member of a prominent and wealthy family at Belleville, Thursday night, on the charge of attempted assault.

The girl says she was walking north on Richmond street and saw Tausch, who was carrying a package, follow her. She was frightened and ran, and when she reached her home she called the police. Tausch was arrested and charged with assault.

There was a struggle, she says, and she got free from him and ran to a police box and called the police station and told what had occurred. Tausch was arrested and charged with assault.

He was a son of August Thuesen. He is 32. Miss Reah is a daughter of Mrs. Mary Rado of Caseyville. She is 22.

### Gave the Justice a House and Lot.

Justice Eliaz Canady of Belleville received the approval of the circuit court in a case in which he was tried a case in which Glitz was interested, and Glitz presented him with a house and lot.

Over a year ago a case was tried before the justice in which Glitz was one of the parties. The justice took it under advisement. He claimed that while he was considering the case an attempt was made to influence him by a woman, and he refused to take the case. He was then offered a house and lot, and he accepted it.

### Long Terms of Office.

The terms of office in the Fayetteville Interurban Verla are as long as the name of the society. The members of the society have decided to keep the same men in office until they die. At its annual meeting Thursday it elected the following officers:

President, George Bleser, this being his seventh term.

Vice-president, Ben Dressler, this being his fifth term.

Treasurer, Stephen Vahlkamp, Sr., this being his twelfth term.

Secretary, Fred Smith, this being his tenth term.

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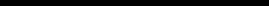
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## Men's Furnishings, Hats, Etc.

















## A REAL FISH STORY

MR. KAESTER BOUGHT A FISH THAT WAS FIVE YEARS DEAD.

## IT MADE HIM VERY ILL

However He Found In Its Stomach a Ring That He Had Lost Sixteen Years Before.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.  
CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Rudolph Kaester tells a strange story. Not long ago he bought a burglar in the form of a green perch in the "Ghetto" district. He reported catching the fish in the lake. As a result Kaester was sick.

Now he asks the payment of his medical bill and other relief, he asserts, because of the failure of the city fish inspector to condemn that aged green perch. Kaester can prove, he says, that the fish was old sixteen years ago, while fishing near Green Bay, Wis., he dropped from his finger a ring set with a strange stone. Almost before the ring struck the water, he says, it was seized and devoured by a voracious perch.

The ring, he declares, was recovered in the fish that later caused his illness. As a perch does not live longer than 12 years Kaester affirms that the creature was dead and in cold storage at least five years and probably a longer period before reaching a market place in the "Ghetto."

## TRIAL OF HENRY WEEKE.

House of Delegates Official Charged With Attempted Bribery.

Henry Wewe, sergeant-at-arms of the House of Delegates, was placed on trial Friday morning before Judge Woodson on an indictment charging him with attempting to bribe a witness in a highway robbery case and attempting to bribe him.

The case was postponed until 2 o'clock Friday, owing to the absence of his attorney. At that hour it was taken up. The indictment was brought about through the efforts of Circuit Attorney Folk to break up similar attempts on the part of grafters.

## On Recruiting Duty.

Major Ralph Harrison, who was recently ordered here for recruiting duty, has temporarily departed company with Major Thomas F. Davis at the headquarters at Third and Olive streets and has gone to Jefferson City in search of young Missourians with military inclinations. He will return to St. Louis, Ill., on Saturday.

Frank Ryan Will Speak.

At the meeting of the Knights of St. Patrick to be held Saturday night at the Lincoln Hotel, Frank K. Ryan will deliver an

## It's All Right to Crow

If you have reason to. Therefore, here goes

(A Hilarity Idea)

CROW No. 1—Sunday Post-Dispatch circulation averaged in January 1900, 66,000 or more than the circulation of any other Sunday paper west of the Mississippi.

CROW No. 2—There were 24,657 more people in the Post-Dispatch during January, or over 5000 more than appeared in any other paper south of Chicago and west of the Alleghenies.

There's no known want that P. D. Wants cannot fulfill.

The nearest drugist that you see will send you "ads" to the P. D.

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Arrangements will be made for the entertainment of Miss Mary Gonne, the Irish Joan of Arc, and Major John McBride, hero of the Boer war, both of whom will attend the next banquet of the society.

## BRITAIN'S METAL TRADE.

Alarming Decline Shown by Our Consul at Edinburgh—Coal Exports.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A report received at the state department from United States Consul Fleming at Edinburgh, Scotland, sets forth an alarming decline in the metal industry of Great Britain, calls attention to the lamentable lack of thorough technical education among British engineers and discusses the mooted question as to whether the heavy exportation of coal from Great Britain should continue.

Consul Fleming concludes his report with a comprehensive review of the fuel question. The British manufacturer, he says, cannot give due weight to the technical advice and notes of warning which come from his "able instructors" in the public press, but he cannot shut his eyes to the meaning of \$2.50 coal. Mr. Fleming points out that all coal deposits in Great Britain are known and there are few fields that have not been worked for a long time. Nearly one-fourth of the output of coal was exported, and the opinion begins to prevail that this amount is entirely too great to send away in view of the limit which production apparently has reached.

Juengel Golden Wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Juengel of 1514 South Seventh street celebrated their golden wedding Friday. The four children, Charles Juengel, Mrs. A. Opperman, Mrs. Otto Thomas and Miss A. Juengel, 7 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren sat at the wedding dinner. All day friends called to offer their congratulations.

## Marriage Licenses.

J. K. Barrett, Little Rock, Ark. Anne L. Meyer, 2320 McNair av.

## Wedding Rings.

Sold gold, latest designs \$5.00 to \$20.00. Herring & Jaccard 4, Broadway and Locust.

## Births Recorded.

H. K. and M. Gays, 45 Nicholson st. boy. A. and M. Quinn, 124 S. 7th st. girl.

K. and J. Hanbeck, 820 Julia st. boy. W. and M. Egan, 4410 S. Franklin st. boy.

L. and L. Hawkins, 2524 A. LaSalle st. boy. J. and K. Kim, 1213 S. 10th st. boy.

W. and M. Winters, 2153 Hickory st. boy. W. and J. Nolin, 2513 1/2 Union st. boy.

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## CLOSING DEMAND GOOD

WHEAT CLOSED WITH A RALLY ON IMPROVED BUYING.

## LIVERPOOL MARKET WEAK

Heavy Decline in English Market on Heavy Argentine Shipments Caused Lower American Prices.

Wheat rallied just at the close of today's market, the demand suddenly showing a marked improvement. Clearances were heavier today and in spite of the large Argentine shipments, after the initial break, there was no further decline. The range was narrow, but there was still a strong bullish feeling and this was partly responsible for the final rally.

Clearances of wheat and flour today were 600,000 bu. corn, 227,500 bu. and oats, 13,375 bu. Wheat was closed at 35c, a decline of 1/8c from the previous close, and July at 72c, a decline of 1/8c. May was closed at 34 1/2c up at 37c, and July at 72c up at 74c. There was no trading in oats. May closed 1-1/2c up on a bid price.

Wheat was very weak today in the early part of the session, but the market recovered and heavy Argentine shipments were responsible for the lower tone. Receipts at Liverpool today were 5,000 bu. to 10 down for wheat and 100,000 bu. for corn, compared with 400,000 bu. as compared with 400,000 bu. in the same date last year. Receipts of wheat at Liverpool today were 400,000 bu. as compared with 400,000 bu. in the same date last year. Receipts of corn at Liverpool today were 100,000 bu. as compared with 100,000 bu. in the same date last year. Receipts of oats at Liverpool today were 10,000 bu. as compared with 10,000 bu. in the same date last year.

## Corn Market Held Well.

Corn held its own today in spite of the weakness in the wheat market. Liverpool showed a decline of 3/4c, but conditions were favorable to a higher market. The range was narrow, but there was still a strong bullish feeling and this was partly responsible for the final rally.

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